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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT** 

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Communication mailed December 11, 2003. Applicants note that in the December 11, 2003 paper, the Examiner requested revised drawings and a substitute Sequence Listing. The drawings were filed on January 17, 2004. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for one month;
- 2) A Sequence Listing paper copy and computer readable form (CRF); Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.